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Bible Study

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Common Responses When Witnessing to Others

Acts 4:1-5

Acts 17:32, 34 read, "When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, "We want to hear more about this later." But some joined him and became believers." These verses record what took place in Athens, Greece when Apostle Paul shared his faith. Whenever an individual spreads the Gospel to unbelievers, the results are never predictable. However, not knowing how others will respond, should not keep Christians from being bold witnesses for the Lord. This lesson is designed to share common responses when witnessing to others.

Breakdown of Acts Chapter 4

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| 1. The <u>Pressure</u> | on the Apostles | Verses 1-22 |
| 2. The <u>Prayer</u> | by the Apostles | Verses 23-31 |
| 3. The <u>Provisions</u> | to the Apostles | Verses 32-37 |

1. Opposition is a common response when Believers witness to others.
Verse 1
"While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees." (NLT)
2. Rejection is a common response when Believers witness to others.
Verse 2
"These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead." (NLT)
3. Persecution is a common response when Believers witness to others.
Verse 3
"They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning." (NLT)
4. Salvation is a common response when Believers witness to others.
Verse 4
"But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000." (NLT)

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